

INTIMIDATION, HARASSMENT, RETALIATION

It is a crime for someone to threaten or intimidate a victim or witness to a crime. If the suspect/accused or others connected to the suspect/accused threaten or intimidate you in order for you to not proceed with criminal charges, this is against the law. Please contact the case officer and advise them of what has occurred. Victims in need of protection from intimidation, harassment and retaliation will be assisted with appropriate legal remedies, alternative safety plans, and transportation to a safe location, if necessary. If you are assaulted please notify the Kentucky State Police immediately.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Listed below are several agencies that may provide you with assistance regarding the crime that has occurred:

Counseling:

Contact your local post at 1-800-222-5555 for specific information.

Medical Attention:

Seek assistance from your local/family doctor.

Compensation Programs:

Crime Victim Compensation Board
800-469-2120 or 502-573-2290.

Emergency Financial Assistance:

Contact your local post at 1-800-222-5555 for specific information.

Victim Advocacy:

Attorney Generals Office
502-696-5312
Witness Protection Program
502-696-5500

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have additional information to report, or need to receive information about the status of your case, please contact:

Investigating Officer:

Telephone Number:



KENTUCKY STATE POLICE



VICTIM INFORMATION

CRIME VICTIM INFORMATION

If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of a crime there are several things that you should know.

1. Immediately contact your nearest Kentucky State Police Post to report the crime.

1-800-222-5555 is the number that will connect you to the nearest KSP Post.
2. You will be asked several questions. Be prepared to provide the following information:
 - What has occurred.
 - Medical attention needed.
 - A description of the person(s) who committed the crime, if known.
 - Your name, address, and telephone number.
 - Your current location, and directions to assist responding officers in locating you as quickly as possible.
 - Any weapons that may be involved.
 - Any other information responding officers need to be aware of for your safety as well as theirs.
3. Do not touch or move anything, unless assisting in lifesaving efforts.
4. The Kentucky State Police will strive to ensure the confidentiality of the victim/witness and their role in case development.

THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION

Once the Kentucky State Police officers respond to your location, they will begin the initial investigation.

If medical attention for anyone involved is necessary, this will be addressed immediately.

The officers will take statements from everyone involved. If it is determined that a detective is needed, at least one will be contacted and may respond initially or may contact you at a later time to obtain more information.

Evidence may be collected, photographs and fingerprints may also be obtained. If you have any questions about what the officers are doing, please ask. If the information is of a confidential nature, the officer may not be allowed to answer your questions, but will advise you of this fact.

If you have been sexually or physically assaulted, it is imperative that you DO NOT attempt to clean up. In doing this, you may destroy valuable physical evidence that will be needed for the investigation. The officers need you to remain in the condition that you are when the crime occurred so that they can gather evidence.

If you have been the victim of a sexual assault, Rape Crisis counselors will be contacted to provide support to you.

THE FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION

Once the initial investigation is conducted, the Kentucky State Police officer(s) assigned to the investigation, will provide you with information regarding the arrest of person(s) who committed this crime as well as with the location of any court proceedings regarding this case and its prosecution.

You may be required to participate in the line-ups and interviews for which the KSP will strive to schedule at your convenience and provide transportation when appropriate. You may also be required to testify at hearings and/or a criminal trial.

Participation in the investigation and prosecution of your case can bring on additional stress and, if available, a Victim Advocate will contact you and assist you through the court process. The Victim Advocate will attempt to lessen the stress by providing you with information regarding the proceedings.

The Kentucky State Police case officer will provide you with information regarding the Victim Identification and Notification Everyday (VINE) program. This is a program that notifies you when the offender is released from custody. You may telephone VINE at 1-800-511-1670 to register.

The Kentucky State Police case officer will keep you updated regarding any court proceedings that occur and will attempt to re-contact you periodically to assess the need for additional victim assistance.

The Kentucky State Police will also return victim/witness property taken as evidence, except for contraband, disputed property and weapons used in the course of the crime, as soon as possible or when no longer needed as evidence.